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SUBJECT: Inspection of Project Status

1. On 8 and 9 June 1953 the undersigned visited the laboratories of in order to become acquainted with the engineering and contract personnel associated with Tasks I and IV, as well as to observe the present status of each Task.

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2. Because of late plane arrival, Monday afternoon was devoted solely to stating the purpose of my visit and to becoming acquainted with Project Supervisor.

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3. Tuesday was devoted to the inspection of the status of the projects and to a trip through the unclassified portions of the laboratories. The equipment, Task I, is very near completion. At present, however, the reproduction of recorded matter is not entirely accurate. This inaccuracy is attributed to weak performance of one section of the recording head. A new recording head is now being constructed. This new head will have the advantage of being more readily adaptable to mass production since the coils may now be machine-wound as opposed to the hand-winding required in the earlier models. feels quite confident that the new head will eliminate the equipment inaccuracies and permit early completion of the prototypes.

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4. The circuitry has now been worked out. It appears, however, that this equipment is unlikely to meet the weight specification. A breakdown of parts weights indicates that the bulk of the weight is in the latching relays and the resonant reed relays (established by specification). Appreciable weight reduction in the remaining components is not feasible. The chassis and case drawings as well as the component mounting details are complete and cases are now being fabricated.

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5. brought up the subject of a blanket approval of overtime on this contract. He pointed out the fact that their shops were operating on an overtime basis each day and that he did not feel that it was fair to penalize other contracts by performing our work during regular working hours. He pointed out further that, on jobs requiring more than eight hours work, work would have to be stopped on our project and set aside until regular hours. I told that I knew the problem was being considered and that I would relay his comments. I further informed him that a blanket approval was quite unlikely.

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